

(g) **VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.**—The exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land authorized under this section shall be subject to valid existing rights.

(h) **TITLE APPROVAL.**—Title to the Federal land and non-Federal land to be exchanged under this section shall be in a form acceptable to the Secretary.

(i) **TREATMENT OF ACQUIRED LAND.**—Any non-Federal land and interests in non-Federal land acquired by the United States under this section shall be administered by the Secretary as part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

(j) **MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARY.**—On completion of the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land under this section, the Secretary shall modify the boundary of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to reflect the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land.

SA 2857. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2282 proposed by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) to the bill H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 12. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR REDUCTION OF ACTIVE-DUTY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES DEPLOYED TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act may be obligated or expended to reduce the total number of members of the Armed Forces on active duty who are deployed to the Republic of Korea to fewer than 22,000 members of the Armed Forces until the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits to the congressional defense committees a certification that such a reduction is in the national security interest of the United States and will not significantly undermine the security of United States allies in the region.

SA 2858. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2282 proposed by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) to the bill H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following: appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 1066. ESTABLISHMENT OF WILDFIRE AVIATION BUDGET LINE ITEM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a separate account to fund all costs associated with the maintenance, operation, contracting, purchase, and ownership of Federal wildland fire aviation assets, including the 7 demilitarized HC-130H aircraft with serial numbers 1706, 1708, 1709, 1713, 1714, 1719, and 1721 that were transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture by the Secretary of the Air Force under section 1098(a)(2)(A)(iii) of the National Defense

Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113-66; 127 Stat. 882).

(b) **PRESIDENTIAL BUDGET REQUESTS.**—Beginning in fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall include as part of the annual budget of the Federal Government a unified request by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Defense showing the total amount requested for the wildland fire aviation costs described in subsection (a).

(c) **LIMITATION.**—The Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense shall not use amounts appropriated to accounts of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense, respectively, other than the account established by subsection (a), to carry out any activity described in that subsection.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the account established by subsection (a) for fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year thereafter a total amount of not more than \$500,000,000 for the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Interior, or the Department of Defense to be used for any costs described in subsection (a).

SA 2859. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2282 proposed by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) to the bill H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1066. ESTABLISHMENT OF BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Defense, shall establish a Blue Ribbon Commission (referred to in this section as the “Commission”)—

(1) to study—

(A) the fixed-wing aircraft available to the Federal Government for wildfire suppression as of the date of the study; and

(B) the likely demand for fixed-wing aircraft for wildfire suppression over the 10-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) to submit to the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Defense, and the relevant committees of Congress a report with specific recommendations for the safe and effective future of the Federal wildland fire aviation program.

(b) **CONTENTS.**—The report submitted under subsection (a)(2) shall include recommendations for—

(1) the types, quantities, and ownership and contracting models of the fixed-wing aircraft that should comprise the Federal fleet of wildfire suppression aircraft, specifically for very large airtankers, single-engine airtankers, water scoopers, and large airtankers, including—

(A) the modular airborne firefighting systems operated by the Secretary of the Air Force; and

(B) the 7 demilitarized HC-130H aircraft with serial numbers 1706, 1708, 1709, 1713, 1714, 1719, and 1721 that were transferred to the

Secretary of Agriculture by the Secretary of the Air Force under section 1098(a)(2)(A)(iii) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113-66; 127 Stat. 882); and

(2) agency policies governing—

(A) situations in which fixed-wing aircraft should be used for wildfire suppression; and

(B) situations in which fixed-wing aircraft should not be used due to safety, cost, or effectiveness concerns.

(c) **CONSTRAINTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Commission shall assume, for the purposes of preparing the report required under subsection (a)(2), that the Federal fleet described in subsection (b)(1) will be funded with \$500,000,000 annually.

(2) **EXCEPTION.**—If a recommendation of the Commission is deemed critical to the safe and effective operation of the fleet and would require an amount of funding in excess of \$500,000,000 annually, the Commission shall include in the report a description of the recommendation and the approximate cost of implementing the recommendation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mrs. THUNE. Mr. President, I have 9 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to Rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Governors, and to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors, both of the Federal Reserve System.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Elizabeth Ann Copeland, of Texas, and Patrick J. Urda, of Indiana, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Amy Karpel, of Washington, and Randolph J. Stayin, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The Cost of Prescription Drugs: Examining the President's Blueprint American Patients First to Lower Drug Prices."

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program."

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Election Interference: Ensuring Law Enforcement is Equipped to Target Those Seeking to Do Harm."

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 09, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a closed hearing.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 5895

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5895) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

CONGRATULATING THE WASHINGTON CAPITALS FOR WINNING THE 2018 STANLEY CUP HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 542, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 542) congratulating the Washington Capitals for winning the 2018 Stanley Cup hockey championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 542) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

CONGRATULATING THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SEMINOLES SOFTBALL TEAM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 543, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 543) congratulating the Florida State University Seminoles softball team for winning the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's College World Series.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 543) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

CELEBRATING JUNE 11, 2018, AS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CORAL REEF TASK FORCE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 544, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 544) celebrating June 11, 2018, as the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the United States Coral Reef Task Force.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 544) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE PULSE ORLANDO NIGHTCLUB ON JUNE 12, 2016

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 545, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 545) honoring the memory of the victims of the terrorist attack on the Pulse Orlando nightclub on June 12, 2016.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 545) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ALL CIRCUIT REVIEW ACT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 377, H.R. 2229.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2229) to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide permanent authority for judicial review of certain Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment, as follows:

(The part of the bill intended to be inserted is shown in *italic*.)